

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Patent Application Of:) Prior Pending Application:
Baker et al.) U.S. Patent Application
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned) Serial No.: 09/223,349
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

The above-identified Application is a continuation of Applicants' pending U.S. Application No. 09/223, 349, filed December 31, 1999. Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment for entry before the application has been taken up for examination.

Note, this Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in a form required under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, a substitute sheet containing the marked-up amendment to the Specification and Claims is attached hereto as Attachment A.

AMENDMENT

In The Specification:

Please substitute the section entitled "RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following:

Related Applications

This application is a continuing application of U.S. Patent Application 09/223,349, filed December 31, 1999, and is related to a co-pending U.S. Patent Application entitled "Embedded File System for a Programmable Logic Controller," filed on December 30, 1998, and having the same common assignee.